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Statement of Ownership

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Before me, a notary public, in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared C. L. Ireland who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor, Publisher and Owner of the Sherman County Observer and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, postal laws and regulations, to-wit:

That the name and address of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business manager is C. L. Ireland, Moro, Ore. That the owner is the said C. L. Ireland. There is absolutely no one who holds mortgage, bond, note or other debt against the said newspaper or its equipment or building. Signed C. L. Ireland.

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 7th day of October, 1924.

I. M. Peterson, notary public.

My commission expires June 13, 1928.

Trotzky in a speech to teachers announces that Russia is not going to fight for Bessarabia or anything else. And when he makes a speech to the army he says that Russia is going to fight for everything in sight. Some versatile chap, this Trotzky!

It develops that the man who invented the saxophone was the father of 11 children. This information has been 60 years coming to light because none of the 11 felt like boasting about it.

Now that another college professor has stirred up a wrangle over the Einstein theory of relativity, the presidential year promises to be really exciting.

A Canadian youth, curiously wounded in the war, weighs 440 pounds, can't work, and demands a pension. He should not be allowed to grow thin waiting for it.

A psychiatrist bemoans the frequency with which insane people are slipping past Ellis Island. It is too bad they can't be made to slip out.

We are told that the inventions of radio and wireless telegraphy have added 500 new words to the language. Including those induced by static?


"All domestic bromides are higher."—Trade note. Nevertheless domestic bromides are quite as plentiful as ever. Listen to 'em!

Who remembers when the girl whose hair was clipped after an attack of typhoid automatically became the town freak?

"Has ears of a bulldog and head of a wolf."—Zoological note. Is it possible we are in the presence of a statesman?

BILL BARBER SAYS

IT IS SAFEST TO TELL YOUR WIFE EVERYTHING BUT TELL HER BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE DOES.



Wheat Prices Are Climbing to Higher Levels With Stock Short

Wheat prices the world over have reached new high levels, the highest in recent history outside of war influence on the price of food supplies. This condition has resulted because of a shortage of wheat in every country of the world, caused principally because of unfavorable weather conditions. This condition will undoubtedly carry over into next years crop and be a factor in the prices to be received by growers.

The high prices for wheat last August was caused at that time by the decision to suspend operations of the cooperative wheat growers associations and through that action attaching the milling and export interests without their customary stocks of wheat on hand which they had maintained in the years before the advent of the cooperative associations.

The suspension of the cooperative associations has also, to a large extent, broken up the European buyer's ring which had been formed by European governments during the war to force prices of wheat to as low a level as possible. Before the war, all European buyers acted independent of each other in the wheat market. Beginning with the second year of the world war, the governments joined in buying goods in the United States and pooled all their purchases, dividing among themselves at average prices paid. By this means they removed competitive buying from the market. This was followed by cooperative selling, whereby these same buyers could do business with one or two heads of the selling side in place of being forced to buy from farmers direct or through agents acting independently for each interest wanting wheat and flour.

The shortage of wheat the world over, coupled with extensive buying of wheat and flour by Germany for, practically, the first time since the close of the war, has put the wheat market in the same position it maintained before the outbreak of the world war. This condition will be maintained for some years to come.

Another factor in the present price of wheat is that foreign interests have been buying an average of more than a million bushels of wheat each day since August 1st. Some days these purchases have run to more than 10 million bushels, with but few days when less than 1,500,000 bushels have been secured for export. This condition cannot long continue without the price to home consumers in the United States reaching further high limits.

This was forecast in the news of the current week with the announcement that bakers bread is soon to take a sharp advance in price and the further news that the large flour mill at Astoria has been leased by the Pillsbury company and the Washburn-Crosby company of Minneapolis. These large flour manufacturing companies have leased the Astoria mill for the purpose of milling the hard winter wheats raised in Oregon and Washington and is considered by those best informed on wheat marketing conditions to be the main reason that the price of turkey red and similar wheat has advanced more than ten cents a bushel in price during this last week.

Nearly every one who has been watching the wheat markets of the world the past month have overlooked local conditions in their home territory. During the present week there were ten vessels loading wheat as sole cargo in Portland harbor and there were 31 vessels loading wheat as sole cargo in Vancouver, B. C. This does not include vessels loading at Astoria or on Puget Sound. Five more steamers are reported due at Portland for wheat and flour cargoes and probably there are several more that have not been reported.

At the present time all countries usually to be found represented on the buyer's side at Portland are actively interested in securing wheat products, these include Japan, Germany, France,

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

By THOMAS A. CLARK
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WHEN YOU KNOW A MAN

IT WAS Charles Lamb, I believe, who was responsible for the statement that you can't hate a man when you know him. Whether or not the experience of people in general will bear out this view, I cannot say. I do know, however, that a superficial acquaintance with people tends to confirm one in pessimism; most of us seem to have our worst qualities on the surface.

It is curious how few men we really do know. Those whom we meet daily at our places of business or in our households are often strange to us. Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, husbands and wives even have little real knowledge of each other's thoughts and characters, and the people with whom we associate every day are often as strangers to us. Even our own brothers we often misunderstand or have little sympathy for.

It is only when we get at the heart of a man that we recognize his real worth. I have wondered sometimes if we could get into more intimate acquaintance with our pet enemies or with the devil even if we should not find them less black than they have been painted.

I really ought to be a pessimist, for I have seen the worst sort of men, and so many men at their worst. On the contrary, however, as time goes on my faith in human beings strengthens. Even the worst of men whom I have known have revealed so many good qualities when I have really got at them that I could not admit that anyone was wholly bad. The evil which had come to the surface, and which had attracted attention, was only incidental in most cases and the good after all predominated.

At times when I get to the point of admitting that no one keeps faith, no one is virtuous, no one honest, something is sure to happen that draws me back to a safe harbor of hope and faith and anchors me fast again.

Every day I get new insights into human character. Fellows whom I had supposed I knew through and through show traits that I had never suspected, strong qualities which through all the years of our association had been entirely concealed.

I am coming more and more to believe that Lamb was right, and that if we could bring ourselves really to know a man, we should find in him so much to respect, so much to admire, so much to wonder at that we could not bring ourselves to hate him—not even to dislike him.

I haven't a doubt but that old Martin down the street, whom I have always looked upon as the most despicable of men, has virtues that would shine, qualities that are really lovely if I could only know him fully.

England, Italy as well as many smaller countries who must have wheat products from the United States. And we have little, comparatively, to spare for them.

I. D. Calbreath was a visitor at this office on Tuesday. He formerly lived in this county, farming land on the north side of Gordon ridge about four miles west of Moro. He is now located at Sanger, California, a town of about 4,000 population near Fresno, where he has a position on the police force, being in charge of the night relief. Mr. Calbreath says that in his section of California rain has not been seen for 22 months with the exception of a slight trace in February, 1924, and a little more in May, 1923.

He says many of those who had bought land at high prices were turning it back to those from whom it was bought, because of the ruinous condition of farming and the prices realized. Mr. and Mrs. Calbreath, while in Moro, were guests at the George Ellsworth home, Mrs. Ellsworth being a daughter of Mr. Calbreath.

Reading of advertising is worth while

How President Will Be Chosen When Electoral College Fails

There is national wide political gossip that the national election in November will result in no choice for president through the electoral college. In that case the following, clipped from an exchange, will be interesting reading and act as a guide as to how a choice for president can be assured:

We will suppose that the house of representatives is to choose a candidate for president from the three candidates. The senate would select the vice president from the two highest candidates. It is reasonable to suppose that the senate is apt to elect a vice president first, with only two to vote for. While the senate is presumably republican, the democrats claim that some of the republicans will not vote for Dawes. This is a very reasonable assumption, for one of these is LaFollette himself and the others are not considered "dyed in the wool" republicans. The democrats claim that Bryan is extremely apt to be elected vice president in the senate. That is based on the assumption that Dawes and Bryan are the two vice presidential candidates with the highest electoral vote.

The reasoning is that the house, seeing Bryan elected vice president, would not care to continue the struggle and would prefer Dawes to Bryan.

In the house the vote is not by individuals but by states, each state having one vote. The congressmen in each state will hold caucuses to decide how the vote of the state is to be cast, a majority ruling. Today it is estimated that there are 22 state delegations which are republican and 20 which are democratic, one that is for LaFollette and five that are equally divided. The tied states would have no vote unless one congressman in each delegation should change his political complexion.

That is ingenious and close reasoning. We shall await with much interest the outcome.

State Bond Debt of Oregon to be Increased by Irrigation Securities

Declaring that the proposed bonding of their district for \$8,000,000 would place an unbearable burden upon their shoulders, more than a score of land owners in the north unit irrigation district, Jefferson county, appeared before the state irrigation securities commission at Salem on October 4th, to protest against the certification of the issue by the state.

It is said that the demand for this big bond issue is being promoted by speculators and bond dealers and not by the people who live on the land and who will have to pay the bills. Under the state law, the state guarantees the payment of interest for a number of years and if not paid eventually by those owning the land, it must be paid by the state itself. This means that all property in Oregon is in reality mortgaged to pay these bonds to whatever amount they are defaulted by the district. The state is now making a survey of the project to determine its feasibility and the ability of the settlers to pay off the proposed bond issue. The survey, which will begin next week, will be in charge of W. W. McLaughlin, farm economics expert with the federal department of agriculture; Professor Powers, soil expert with the Oregon agricultural college, and Rhea Luper, state engineer.

A plan to levy a special tax for the construction of new bridges and to repair many old ones in the county will be voted upon at the November election in Lane county, according to an order made by the county court.

The Oregon public service commission has prepared notices of intervention in the grain rate cases brought by the state of Idaho against the Oregon Short Line and Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company.

A diversion dam at the mouth of Hood river has been completed. The structure will divert the flow of Hood river into the Columbia into a single deep channel and open it to chinook salmon and other migratory fish. The dam cost \$587.

Two attempts within a week to wreck the Union Pacific fast mail train, No. 6, by placing obstructions on the track between Hood River and Rooster Rock, were brought to light with the arrest at The Dalles of an itinerant laborer.

The Oregon public service commission has granted authority to the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company to discontinue an auxiliary station at Rath, eastern Oregon, for the receipt and delivery of freight in less than carload lots.

W. C. Snyder, government trapper, shattered all records when he reported a bag of more than 300 since August 1. He works in Harney county under the direction of Stanley G. Jewett of the Portland office of the United States biological survey.

Development of the lumber resources of Lake county is expected as the result of an announcement that the government will offer for sale, probably in the near future, from 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 feet of yellow pine in the Fremont national forest.

One man was probably fatally injured and two others were badly cut and bruised when a Portland Electric Power company's passenger bus, inbound from Oregon City, struck an outbound Oregon Electric train at Hood and Grover streets in Portland.

Failure of McNary-Haugen Bill Rests Largely With LaFollette

N. J. Sinnott, representative in congress from this district, was a caller at this office the first of the week. Conversation naturally turned to political matters and in the course of the resulting talk Congressman Sinnott stated that any one who considered LaFollette a friend of the farmer or that he had the best interest of the farming industry at heart was fundamentally wrong, based upon the congressional record of those interested.

Congressman Sinnott stated that not one representative from Wisconsin, LaFollette's own state, had ever attended any meeting of those interested in putting through the McNary-Haugen measure. He further stated that the Wisconsin men, at meetings held by the committee in charge of the measure, did all they could to delay the report of the committee and quibbled over practically every word in the bill. That was the one big reason it was in committee such a long time.

Then when the measure was up before the house of representatives for final vote, Congressman Voight of Wisconsin made the longest speech and fought the hardest against it of any other congressman.

While state banks are exempt from the payment of the state income tax, dividends paid by these institutions are subject to the levy, according to a legal opinion by I. H. VanWinkle, attorney-general.

Following the hazing of Harry Minto and Jack Spang at Salem, school officials expelled John Drager, Donald Kelly and Vernie Perry, high school students, who were said to be responsible for the affair.

Officials of Lincoln county were restrained by Federal Judge Wolverton from attempting to collect the taxes for 1919 and 1920 on property held by the United States Spruce Production corporation.

A calf, which had survived apparently about three weeks, was found in a well recently by Paul Skimpsey, driller, who was inspecting a number of wells on the Dunn ranches south of Lake Malheur.

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